

HEAVY FIGHTING IS ON

FRENCH PUSH FORWARD AGAINST GERMAN WEDGE IN MEUSE REGION.

TAKE LES EPARGES TRENCHES

Berlin Denies Claims and Says Rushes Are Repulsed With Heavy Losses to the Enemy—Tentons Capture Drei Grachten.

London, April 12.—The French offensive in the district between the Meuse and the Moselle has developed into one of the most desperate battles of the war.

Official reports given out in Paris on Friday declare that the important position of Les Eparges, which dominates the plain of Woivre, now is completely in the hands of the allies. Trenches here, it is reported, were "choked with German dead."

In the forest of Montmarie, it is claimed, fifteen attacks of the Germans in efforts to retake trenches captured Thursday were repulsed. The reports add that heaps of German bodies lay upon the ground afterward, while in Champagne the Germans were mowed down in a similar offensive movement.

The French claim also the capture of 600 feet of ground in the forest of Allij.

The French are incessantly bombarding St. Mihiel, the point of the wedge they are trying to force out, and at the same time are attacking the two sides of the wedge with infantry and artillery in an endeavor to reach the roads which lead from St. Mihiel to Metz. If the progress already is as great as the French claim it to be, these roads should now be almost within reach of the French guns.

Berlin denies the claims of success made by the allies, however, and official statements say that all French attacks were repulsed in this region, with tremendous loss to the French. The Germans report that the Belgians have been driven out of Drei Grachten, on the Yser canal, with heavy losses.

ROCKEFELLER'S CAR HITS BOY

Oil Magnate Leaps From Auto and Helps Pick Up Unconscious Child.

Tarrytown, N. Y., April 12.—The big Rockefeller limousine with John D. Rockefeller as one of the occupants ran into and severely hurt George Edgar, twelve years old, on Friday. The boy's parents are poor. The chauffeur was at the wheel, and with Mr. Rockefeller inside were members of the family and two nurses. The automobile was just rolling out of the Rockefeller grounds on an outing to West Point. Mr. Rockefeller was first out of the car and helped the woman nurses pick up the unconscious boy. The injured boy was taken to Tarrytown hospital. The visible hurts are lip cuts and scratches but a concussion is possible.

Mr. Rockefeller telephoned to the hospital: "Do everything possible to help the boy."

Later he sent a messenger to the parents expressing his sympathy and assuring them that everything would be done for the child.

SEE BUSINESS BOOM IN U. S.

Treasury Officials Base Statement on Bank Reports—Revival of Trade Activity Spreads to Every Line.

Washington, April 10.—Treasury officials predicted continued improvement in business conditions throughout the country. Their optimism was based on reports from eighty national bank examiners, which the department made public on Friday in a statement declaring the recent past has been marked by a steady return to conditions existing before the European war upset American commercial relations, both domestic and foreign. Revival of business activity in virtually every line was found. Good crops are expected.

LEAPS FROM TENTH STORY

Member of Wisconsin State Assembly Kills Self in Milwaukee—Had Been Financially Involved.

Milwaukee, April 12.—By leaping head first from the tenth story of the First National bank building, Christopher Paulos, sixty-one, a member of the state assembly, committed suicide on Friday. His head struck the pavement. Last January Paulos became involved in some financial difficulties when several checks appeared at the bank when there was not sufficient cash to his credit to meet them.

Doctor Dies; Typhus Victim.

Washington, April 12.—Dr. Ernest P. Magruder of this city, one of the physicians at the head of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia, has fallen a victim of typhus fever. His death was reported from Belgrade.

Bob Fitzsimmons Marries.

Washington, April 12.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the former heavyweight champion, married Miss Temo Zillen, associated with him for some time on the stage. The bride's gift from the bridegroom was \$85,000 in jewels.

G. O. P. TICKET WINS

REPUBLICAN ELECTED MAYOR OF CHICAGO OVER DEMOCRAT.

Has Plurality of 138,891, Breaking All Records—243,797 Women Cast Votes.

Chicago, April 8.—William Hale Thompson was swept into the mayor's chair on Monday in a Republican landslide that carried nearly the entire Republican city ticket to victory. Robert M. Sweitzer, Democratic entrant, was bowled over in an overwhelmingly large vote. It was the biggest ever cast in a local election.

Eighty-seven per cent of the total registration of 769,017 was polled. Of this 243,797 votes were cast by women, who for the first time participated in a mayoral election.

The vote for mayor was:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Sweitzer, D.	162,074	89,718	251,792
Thompson, R.	246,119	144,564	390,683
Stedman, S.	16,013	7,813	23,826
Hill, P.	1,888	1,701	3,589

Total vote, 426,094 243,797 669,891
Thompson plu. 84,045 54,846 138,891

The women's vote was an important factor in Thompson's victory. Thompson received about 66 per cent of the women's vote.

The avalanche swept in the rest of the Republican city ticket. Charles H. Sergel was elected city treasurer; John Siman, city clerk; Hosea W. Wells, judge of the municipal court.

The "vote of protest" for minor candidates proved a myth. Stedman, Socialist, got 23,826 votes, less than the party polled four years ago; Hill, Prohibition, got 3,590.

Thompson won the mayoralty in the face of one of the bitterest personal campaigns that could be contemplated, and despite the fact that the supporters of Robert M. Sweitzer controlled one of the greatest political machines that has been operated in Chicago since the election of William McKinley president in 1896.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Washington, April 8.—Admiral Moore, in charge of the work of locating and raising the lost submarine F-4 at Honolulu, reported to the navy department that no results had been obtained thus far, although the rescue force was working over it.

Berlin, via London, April 9.—Crown Princess Cecelle on Wednesday gave birth to a daughter. The mother and child are doing well. The crown princess, who is a daughter of the late Friedrich Franz III of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, married Frederick William, the German crown prince, in June, 1905. They now have five children, four boys, the eldest being nine years of age, and one daughter.

Hartford, Conn., April 8.—By a vote of 124 to 105 the resolution providing for a referendum on a proposed constitutional amendment extending suffrage to women, was defeated in the house of representatives.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF U-29

Admiralty Finally Accepts Official British Report of Destruction of Craft.

Berlin, via Amsterdam, April 9.—The German admiralty has given out an official statement in which the loss of the submarine U-29 is accepted. The text of the communication follows: "The submarine U-29 has not returned from its last cruise. According to a report of the British admiralty of March 26 this vessel, with her crew, was sent to the bottom. She therefore must be regarded as lost." It is generally accepted that the U-29 was commanded by Capt. Otto Weddigen, who had charge of the U-9 when this submarine sank the cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy last September.

DRYS GAIN IN WISCONSIN

Nineteen Towns Added to No-Saloon Column—Wets Capture Only Four Villages.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 8.—The vote in Wisconsin cities, towns and villages on the wet and dry question showed a gain for the dry element in number of towns gained, but the larger cities voting on the issue—Madison, Superior, Ashland and Beloit—remained in the wet column.

Forty-one places which were dry voted to remain so, and 65 voted to retain saloons. Probably the most significant feature of the vote was that 19 cities and towns which were formerly wet were swung into the dry column, while only four villages which were dry went over to the wet column.

American Boy Held as Spy.

London, April 10.—The American embassy has been asked to aid Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schauerman of New York in procuring the release of their son, who is reported to be held by the Germans as a spy.

Street Car Men Strike.

Syracuse, N. Y., April 10.—Not a car wheel turned on the Auburn and Syracuse Electric railway, because of a strike of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees.

RUSS PIERCE LINE

EASTERN WING OF AUSTRILIANS IN CARPATHIANS IN PRECARIOUS POSITION.

CZAR LOSES 10,000 MEN?

Vienna Declares Enemy Suffered Heavy Losses During Battle Fought on Easter and Repulsed in the Laborca Valley.

London, April 10.—General Boerovitch's army in the Carpathians has been cut in two places, according to an official statement from Petrograd, which says that the eastern wing of the Austro-German forces now is in a precarious position. The czar's staff claims also that they have driven through Rostock pass and captured Smolnik.

Reporting on the fighting at another point, Vienna says 10,000 Russians were captured in the Easter battle and that the invaders have met with a positive repulse in the Laborca valley.

Petrograd, via London, April 10.—The Russian armies have thrown back the Austrians in the district of Bartfeld and in the district of Lupkow pass. Having advanced through the Beskid mountains between Mezolaboroz and Uzsook, a distance of sixty miles.

The Russians have crossed the crest of the Beskids at Grommenoe and apparently have a clear road to the plains of Hungary.

Vienna, via London, April 10.—At the war office the following statement was issued:

"Obstinate fighting in the sector of the East Beskid mountains (along the boundary between Hungary and Galicia) which has lasted for several weeks, reached its climax at Easter. Continued Russian attacks, especially on both sides of the Laborca valley, where the enemy was re-enforced by a majority of the troops which had besieged Przemysl, were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy. Counter-attacking, German and Austrian troops captured on the heights to the west and east of the valley several strong Russian positions.

"Though the fighting at this point has not yet terminated, our success in the Easter battle, in which some 10,000 unrounded prisoners were captured, is indisputable."

KAISER TO PAY FOR FRYE

Germany Takes Liability for Destruction of U. S. Ship—Case Will Go Before Prize Court.

Washington, April 10.—The German answer to the American note presenting a claim for the destruction of the William P. Frye was made public by the state department on Thursday. While the action of Captain Thierichens in sinking the Frye is justified by the German government, Herr von Jagow, German minister for foreign affairs, tells the United States that the American owners of the ship and cargo will receive compensation "even if the prize court should declare the cargo contraband," because the Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1828 provide that contraband belonging to the citizens of either nation "cannot be confiscated by the other in any case, but only detained or used in consideration of payment of the full value of the same."

YOUTH TRIES TO KILL SULTAN

Young Egyptian Fires Shot at Ruler But Bullet Misses Mark, Says Dispatch.

Cairo, April 10.—An attempt to assassinate the sultan was made on Thursday, but failed. A young Egyptian fired at him. The bullet failed to take effect.

The present sultan of Egypt, Prince Hussein, was placed on the throne by the English on December 18, last, the former sultan having been deposed because of his pro-German sympathies. Sultan Hussein is in everything except birth more of an Englishman than a Turk. He was educated in England and is in full sympathy with the English annexation of Egypt.

BIG WAR MATERIAL ORDER

French Government Places Commission for 90,000 Tons of Steel for Shrapnel.

Pittsburgh, Pa., April 8.—An order for 45,000 tons of steel rounds for shrapnel has been placed with the Carnegie Steel company by a Cleveland concern acting for the French government. The order is said to be really a doubling of one placed by the same interests with the Lackawanna Steel company and calling for 90,000 tons at a cost approximately \$2,300,000.

Paris Bars the Tango.

Paris, April 12.—The Argentine tango was absolutely banned in Paris by a decree of expulsion issued against five tango professors who had established themselves here and were organizing classes.

German Scientist is Dead.

Berlin, April 12.—The death of Prof. Friedrich Loeffler, the German scientist, who in 1884 discovered the diphtheria bacillus, was announced here on Friday. Doctor Loeffler was born in 1852.

PRINZ EITEL INTERNED

COMMANDER OF GERMAN CRUISER ABANDONS DASH TO SEA.

Says Help Failed to Arrive—Vessel Will Be Held Inactive Until End of War.

Newport News, Va., April 9.—Commander Thierichens of the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich on Wednesday night handed the following letter to Collector of Customs Hamilton:

"I inform you that I intend to intern S. M. S. Prinz Eitel Friedrich. The relief I expected appears not to have arrived in time, so the number and force of the enemy's cruisers waiting outside the bay makes it seem impossible for the dash for the open sea to be made with any hope of success.

"I have decided not to deliver the crew and ship to a fruitless and certain death.

"I am greatly obliged for the courtesies shown by all United States authorities.

"Respectfully yours,

"THIERICHENS."

Collector Hamilton immediately wired the news of the Prinz Eitel commander's action to Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters, who was in charge of the case in Washington.

He then lifted the embargo on the departure of merchantmen flying belligerent flags, releasing about twenty-five British steamers.

Officers and crew of the Eitel were downcast. Commander Thierichens himself declared that the action he had been forced to take made him sick; that he was heartbroken to be compelled to resort to such a step.

TERRE HAUTE MEN GUILTY

Mayor Roberts and 25 Aids Convicted—Government Wins Vote Buying Case.

Indianapolis, April 8.—All of the 27 defendants, including Mayor Donn M. Roberts, in the Terre Haute election fraud cases were found guilty by a jury on Tuesday. The case has been on trial in the federal court here since March 8.

Judge Anderson announced that sentence would be passed on the 27 who were found guilty and the 89 who have pleaded guilty next Monday. The federal government based its claim to jurisdiction on the fact that a United States senator and a member of congress were being voted for in the election. The indictment charged that qualified voters were prevented from exercising that right, that qualified persons were prevented from serving on election boards, and that persons who had committed no offense were deprived of their liberty without due process of law. The final count charges a scheme to defraud the gamblers and saloonkeepers of Terre Haute, and in furtherance of this scheme a letter was placed in the mails. This count is based on section 215 of the penal code of the United States.

STEAMSHIP NOORDAM ARRIVES

Has 200 Passengers From Germany—First Voyage Since October, When She Struck a Mine.

New York, April 9.—Bringing 200 passengers, mostly from Germany, and a cargo that included 8,500 canaries, 300 partridges, 200 pheasants, four swans and two Belgian storks, the Holland-American steamship Noordam arrived on her first transatlantic voyage since last October, when she was damaged by striking a mine. Her officers report that the English channel is sown with mines, a passage only 2,000 feet wide being left for ships.

PLAN STRIKE OF 20,000,000

International Labor Leaders Said to Be Making Supreme Effort to Force World Peace.

New York, April 9.—International labor leaders here are trying to arrange a strike throughout the world of 20,000,000 trades unionists as a means of stopping the European war, according to Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union.

Huerta to Visit U. S. Soon.

Washington, April 10.—Inquiries have been started by the government to find out the purpose of the coming visit to the United States of Victoriano Huerta, the former Mexican dictator deposed by the administration. The state department has been advised officially that Huerta is due to arrive in New York Saturday on the steamer Antonio Lopez. This will be his first visit to this country.

Shorter Hours for Women.

New York, April 12.—Announcement is made by the Western Union Telegraph company of an eight-hour day in place of nine hours for woman employees, to take effect at once. The order affects 2,000 women.

May Give War Nurses Vote.

Ottawa, Ont., April 12.—All soldiers in the Canadian contingent, whether twenty-one years old or not, and female nurses should be given the vote, it was urged before the house of commons in committee.

RAIDER ELUDES FOE

ANOTHER GERMAN SEA ROVER AT NEWPORT NEWS

ROAMED SEAS EIGHT MONTHS

Request for Repairs and Supplies—Destroyed Fourteen Merchant Vessels During Cruise

Newport News, Va.—The German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, the elusive raider of commerce in the South Atlantic, slipped into this port Sunday and asked for fuel and provisions. Many times reported destroyed, the former North German Lloyd liner had evaded hostile warships for eight months while it sent fourteen merchantmen to the bottom. Its officers said it was forced to steal its way past four allied cruisers off the Virginia capes to reach this refuge.

"We got in without being seen by the enemy and we can get out the same way," declared the commander, Lieutenant Captain Paul Thierfelder, formerly navigating officer of the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

When it dropped anchor the Kronprinz Wilhelm had less than twenty-five tons of coal and scanty provisions for the crew of 500 men and sixty-one prisoners from British merchant ships sunk in the South Atlantic.

Of the fourteen ships that the 15,000-ton cruiser sank, nine were British, four French and one Norwegian. The value of these ships and their cargoes, officers of the Wilhelm estimated at \$7,000,000.

In her raid of the seas since she slipped out of New York harbor August 3, last, as a German merchant and passenger steamer, the Kronprinz Wilhelm never touched land and took 960 prisoners from various vessels destroyed.

Most of these were sent to South American ports at different times on German ships, which met the raider in response to wireless calls. The sixty-one now on board, who will be landed, are British sailors from the steamship Tamar, destroyed March 25, and Coleby, destroyed March 27. The second of the raiders brought as thrilling a story as did the Eitel Friedrich.

Her record of destruction, however, was accomplished with only four guns, two taken from the German cruiser Karlsruhe and two captured from the British merchant steamer La Correntina, sunk October 7, 1914. It is thought likely that the ship will be interned.

Cudahy Building Wrecked.

Kansas City, Mo.—An explosion believed by the police to have been caused by a bomb, wrecked the seven-story cooling building of the Cudahy Packing company's plant here Sunday, April 11, causing a loss estimated at \$750,000. Two men employed in the building at the time were injured.

More than 200 men are employed in the building on week days, but only two were at work at the time. Both were burned dangerously.

The building, valued at about \$100,000, was the center of a group of four and is a total loss. Company officials estimated the value of the contents consisting of fresh meats, all of which was charred and rendered unfit for use, at \$650,000.

Omaha Missionary from Cairo.

New York.—Rev. N. D. McClanahan of Omaha, a missionary of the United Presbyterian church located at Cairo, Egypt, was a passenger on the Finland, arriving Sunday from Mediterranean ports, accompanied by his wife and daughter. They have been in Egypt six years. Rev. Mr. McClanahan said that missionaries and foreigners in Egypt felt no alarm whatever over war conditions. The government had matters under full control, he said, and every precaution was being taken.

Jitneys Unable to Secure Bonds.

Salt Lake City.—Salt Lake City's jitney bus service has been discontinued as a result of the inability of the jitney operators to obtain the surety bonds, required by the city ordinance recently enacted. The surety companies demanded collateral security from the jitney operators to the full amount of the indemnity bonds required by the city.

Crops in Austria Looking Well.

Washington.—Good crop prospects in Hungary and Austria are reported in an official dispatch to the Austrian embassy from the minister of foreign affairs in Vienna.

Gives Bride Jewels Worth \$85,000.

Washington, D. C.—Bob Fitzsimmons, the former heavyweight champion was married here to Miss Temo Zillen, who has been associated with him for some time in theatricals. The bride's gift from the bridegroom is said to have been \$85,000 in jewels.

Passports Denied Jack Johnson.

Washington, D. C.—Jack Johnson will not carry American passports if he leaves Cuba to return to Europe. Minister Gonzales in Havana was instructed not to issue credentials.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Gibbon voted out saloons. Election at Ord may be contested. Martin E. Kerl was elected mayor of West Point.

Work on the Talmage drainage district has commenced.

Frederick Alexander was elected mayor of Scottsbluff. Pierce went dry by thirty votes. Mayor Duff was re-elected.

J. B. Lane, new Scottsbluff postmaster, has taken his office. Columbus has put up guarantee for a state baseball league team.

Work has commenced on the new city pumping station at Elmwood.

The firm of Bousfield & Reed, grain dealers at Auburn, has been dissolved. The Brainerd State bank with \$20,000 capital, has been granted a charter.

Epidemic of measles at Lincoln swells March total of cases to 396 as against 94 in February.

Four hundred and twenty-five more women than men register for spring school elections at Lincoln.

Congressman C. F. Reavis of the First district has been secured as Fourth of July orator at Syracuse.

The French and English horse buyers, it is asserted, are making some extensive purchases at Grand Island.

Four hundred traveling men are expected at Hastings April 16 and 17 to attend annual convention T. P. A.

Charles W. Bryan, brother of W. J. Bryan, was nominated city commissioner in the primary election at Lincoln.

Omaha will vote upon the question of whether Sunday baseball is to be legalized in Omaha at the coming municipal election.

Two elaborate plans for big hotels in Fremont have been submitted to the hotel committee of the Fremont Commercial club.

New auto licenses and renewals swell the March receipts of the secretary of state's office \$2,389.18, twice the February total.

The annual meeting of township assessors of Custer county at Broken Bow adopts new schedule for assessing automobiles.

N. S. Harding, 85, of Nebraska, who came to the state in 1855, and wrote the first insurance policy ever issued in Nebraska, is dead.

German Lutherans of Hastings will build a \$17,000 church, and the First Methodist congregation of that city plans a \$65,000 building.

Harry French, son of Robert E. French, grand custodian of Nebraska Masons, committed suicide by shooting himself near Memphis.

A new paving district has been organized at Nebraska City and enough signers secured for the paving of fifteen blocks along First avenue.

The Beatrice postoffice will remain a first-class office the coming year as a result of the postal sales of the past year, which ended March 31.

Trumbull, Neb., will be incorporated as a village soon, residents say, and sidewalks will be built, jail erected and better fire protection provided.

Ruth, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Herzog of Otoe county, was scalded to death when she fell into a boiler of hot water.

R. C. Nelson, Hastings photographer, gets first prize, gold plaque, from International Photographic Arts and Industries, now exhibiting in New York City.

Torrington has secured a ruling of the interstate commerce commission, permitting the Nebraska rate to be applied as far as Henry, thus reducing the freight rate to that place materially.

A banquet at the Fontenelle hotel at 6:30 Monday evening, April 19, is planned as part of the entertainment for delegates and their wives of the Nebraska Press association, which on that day opens a three-day convention in Omaha.

The Mendelssohn choir of Omaha has been invited by the "Choral Peace Jubilee" of Washington to begin preparations for a national peace jubilee by practicing songs of peace from now until the end of the European war, when a great national peace-song festival will be held.

Hastings polling 2,285 votes, compared with 1,940 at Grand Island and 1,436 at Fremont, in campaigns that should have brought out the heaviest vote in all three, resulted in members of the Hastings chamber of commerce laying claims to several hundred more population than either of its rivals, in spite of census statistics.

With returns from the municipal elections in the state practically complete, a landslide for the dry faction is indicated. Towns that have not been in the dry column for many years shifted at the election. Kearney, Wymore, Ravenna and Harvard were voted dry. In towns where the liquor element has been strongly entrenched the majority in favor of saloons was materially decreased.

The State Banking Board has issued a charter for the State Bank of Winnebago, with a capital stock of \$15,000.

The Farmers' National bank, Pawnee City, henceforth the Farmers' State bank, took out a state charter to avail itself of the Nebraska guaranty law.

Rev. J. Jannen, minister of the Evangelical association church at Elmwood, has been returned to the same charge for another year. Rev. Boelter of Murdock has been transferred to Grand Island.